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By E. P. IRWIN.

COFFEE MARKET EAST AND WEST

SAN FRANCISCO, December 19.—COFFEE.—Current quotations are the lowest figures at which the manufacturers can buy from the importer in large quantities. The jobbing prices which the retailer must pay average about 1c per lb. above the following prices:

Salvador—Prime to extra prime washed, 18 1/4 @ 18 3/4c; good washed, 18 @ 18 1/2c; fair washed, 17 1/2 @ 17 3/4c; good to prime washed Peaberry, 18 1/2 @ 18 3/4c; superior unwashed, 17 1/2 @ 17 3/4c; good to superior unwashed Peaberry, 17 1/2 @ 17 3/4c; common to ordinary, 15 1/2 @ 16 1/4c.

Costa Rica—Extra prime washed, 18 1/2 @ 18 3/4c; prime washed, 18 1/4 @ 18 1/2c; good to prime washed Peaberry, 18 @ 18 1/2c; common to ordinary, 15 1/2 @ 16 1/4c.

Nicaragua—Prime washed, 18 1/4 @ 18 1/2c; fair to extra good washed, 17 1/2 @ 18c; good to superior unwashed, 17 1/4 @ 17 1/2c.

Guatemala and Mexican—Prime to extra prime washed, 18 1/2 @ 18 3/4c; extra good washed, 18 1/4 @ 18 1/2c; good washed, 18 @ 18 1/2c; common to ordinary, 15 1/2 @ 16 1/4c; good to prime washed Peaberry, 18 1/2 @ 18 3/4c.

Hawaiian—Fancy, 18 1/4 @ 18 1/2c; prime, 18 1/2 @ 18 3/4c; good, 18 1/4 @ 18 1/2c; fair, 17 1/2 @ 17 3/4c; Peaberry, 18 1/2 @ 18 3/4c; low grades, 15 1/2 @ 16 1/4c.

NEW YORK, December 19.—Coffee.—Futures closed steady with last prices net unchanged to 8 points lower. Sales, 50,000 bags. December, 13.86c; January, 13.40c; February, 13.25c; March, 13.23c; April, 13.14c; May, 13.05c; June, 13.03c; July, 13.02c; August, 13.01c; September, October and November, 13.06c. Spot Coffee—Qlet, Rio No. 7, 14 1/4 @ 14 1/2c; Santos, No. 4, 14 1/4c. Mild Coffee, dull; Cordova, 16 1/2 @ 18 1/2c, nominal.

STOCK SALES

Honolulu Stock Exchange—Sales between boards: 15 Waiulua, \$119.50; 10 do., \$119.50; 5 do., \$119.50; 30 Oahu Sugar Co., \$32.75; 30 do., \$32.75; 10 do., \$32.75; 100 do., \$32.87 1/2; 100 do., \$32.87 1/2; 25 Haiku, \$170; 25 do., \$170; 25 Ewa, \$32.25; 5 do., \$32.25; 30 do., \$32.25; 34 Hawn, Sug. Co., \$44.50; 40 do., \$44.50; 25 Onomea, \$48.

Session sales: 15 Hawn. C. & S. Co., \$40.75; 5 Onomea, \$48; 5 do., \$48.25; 30 Hon. B. & M. Co., \$20.75; 20 do., \$20.75; 100 Oahu Sug. Co., \$32.87 1/2.

Sugar quotations: 96 deg. centrifugals, 4.61; 88 deg. analysis sheets, 148. 6d. Parity, 5.09.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Members of Honolulu Lodge No. 616, B. P. O. E., will please take notice that there will be a special meeting of the lodge at 8 o'clock on Thursday evening, December 28, and that there will be initiation.

GEO. T. KLUEGEL, Secretary.



THE "EDWARD HOWARD"

HIGHEST GRADE HOWARD WATCH MADE. 23 MATCHED SAPPHIRE JEWELS. 18 KARAT CASE.

Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars Net.

H. F. Wichman & Co., Ltd.

Leading Jewelers.

A MILK MIXER IS FINED \$15

John Rezens was fined \$15 and costs in the police court this morning for selling adulterated milk. He refused to submit a sample of the lacteal fluid to Food Commissioner Blanchard when requested to do so, thereby proving the case against him.

Frank Correa, charged with selling adulterated milk, had sentence suspended for thirteen months.

Tony pleaded guilty to assault and battery, but as the complaining witness was not on hand to testify, sentence was suspended for thirteen months.

G. T. Taylor and James Redman, drunks, were fined \$3 and costs by Judge Monsarrat.

W. Cramer, drunk and an old offender, was fined \$4 and costs, and Knudsen also drunk, forfeited \$6 bail.

BALL PLAYER BREAKS LEG

Henry Bertelmann, a Kamehameha boy, broke his leg this morning while playing football at Moanalua where the Kamehameha Schools cadets are in camp. He was removed to Queen's Hospital.

FILED FOR RECORD

Entered for Record Dec. 26, 1911. Antonio C Silva and wf to Luzela Costa, D.

Yin Poy to Yuk Yin Akai, D. William H McLean and wf to Eva McLean, D.

Eva McLean to Selma S McLean, D.

Trent Trust Co Ltd tr to James D Levenson, D.

James D Levenson to Trent Trust Co Ltd, M.

Recorded December 14, 1911. G. N. Wilcox to Trs. of Est. of Chas. F. Hart, A. M. Judge, E. O. Hall & Son, Ltd., on leasehold, bids, etc., cor. Allen and Kekuanaoa streets, Honolulu, Oahu; \$8000; B. 349, p. 463. Dated December 13, 1911.

Louisa E. Mendonca and husband (M. F.) to Jose De Vasconcellos, D.; 4660 sq. ft. land, Insane Asylum Road, Honolulu, Oahu; \$500; B. 355, p. 353. Dated Dec. 6, 1911.

Millie Morris to Mrs. Annie Nana-keelua, D.; lot 2, Millie Lots, Honolulu, Oahu; \$350; B. 355, p. 354. Dated Nov. 14, 1911.

William C. Achi to Ching Lum, D.; 3500 sq. ft. of Ap 3 R. P. 75 Kul 275-B, Kapalama, Honolulu, Oahu; \$225; B. 355, p. 355. Dated Dec. 12, 1911.

Rebecca K. Achi to Ching Lum, Rel. Dow, p. or. R. P. 75 Kul 275-B, Kapalama, Honolulu, Oahu; \$10; B. 355, p. 355. Dated Dec. 12, 1911.

Sumner S. Parker and wife to Muriel G. Rietow, D.; 11,250 sq. ft. of Subdiv. of lots 15 and 16, block 64, Wai'alae Tract, Honolulu, Oahu; \$3000; B. 355, p. 357. Dated Nov. 18, 1911.

Muriel G. Rietow and husband (R. B.) to Trent Trust Co., Ltd., M.; 11,250 sq. ft. of Subdiv. of lots 15 and 16, block 64, rents, etc., Wai'alae Tract, Honolulu, Oahu; \$2000; B. 349, p. 461. Dated Dec. 1, 1911.

Oahu College, by Trs., to Grace M. Cooke, D.; lot 16, block 15, College Hills Honolulu, Oahu; \$960; B. 350, p. 483. Dated Dec. 12, 1911.

COURT NOTES.

John Robinson, Antone Matias, J. P. Hussey and Harry Higgins, the four men indicted by the grand jury yesterday afternoon, were arraigned before Judge Cooper this morning.

Judge Cooper this morning denied the motion of the libellee for temporary alimony in the divorce matter of Henry Van Gieson versus Margaret Van Gieson, and discharged the order directed against the libellant to show cause.

Herbert L. Simpson, F. J. Lindeman and P. F. Fernandez have been appointed by Judge Cooper to appraise the estate of Hana Kaebakoni Smith, deceased.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The Directors of this corporation having declared a dividend of \$3 (3 per cent) per share on its preferred stock and \$1.50 (1 1/2 per cent) per share on its common stock, the same is due and payable December 30, 1911. Stock transfer books will be closed from December 27 to January 2, both dates inclusive.

ALFRED L. CASTLE, Secretary, Honolulu Rapid Transit and Land Company.

SUGAR FRAUDS EXCEED \$1,000,000

Philadelphia Public Ledger: The federal grand jury, which has been investigating the alleged frauds in the collection of sugar duties at this port, filed its report yesterday in the United States district court, and declared that the customs service in Philadelphia has been demoralized by politics.

The grand jury recommended the institution of civil suits immediately to recover the duties lost through false appraisement. The amount is said to exceed \$1,000,000. Suits will be prepared at once, government officials said.

While the report says the jury found that at times throughout the period covered by the investigation, irregularities in weighing, varying in nature from sporadic sharp practices to systematic frauds, have been resorted to at the refineries of the W. J. McCahan Sugar Refining Company, the Spreckels Sugar Refining Company and the Franklin Sugar Refining Company, for the purpose of lessening the duty weights of imported cargoes of raw sugar, it could find no criminal indictment because no offense has been shown to have been committed within a period not exempted by the statute of limitations.

Political pressure or party patronage was the chief cause of the losses to the government, according to the jury's report. Pressure was often exerted upon customs weighers of such a nature as to make them careless in the discharge of their duties. While the jury found no evidence that the assistant weighers had wilfully participated in fraudulent weighing, the assistants had much cause for the feeling that the whole burden of any struggle that might be made to prevent unfair practices by the refiners rested upon them alone. This was due to the fear that their superior officers would not sustain their complaints; and further they feared that charges made against them would meet with serious consideration. This fear, due to politics, is the only adequate theory the jury could assign for the fearlessness with which many of the refining company's employees took advantage of every available opportunity for getting the better of the government weighers.

Refinery Men the Offenders. Under the evidence the jury finds no direct participation in the frauds either by officers of the sugar companies or by the higher customs officials.

The bulk of the findings of fraud in fact fall upon the refining company employees, some of whom, the report says, are no longer in the employ of the companies.

The investigation of raw sugar imports has been carried on by special agents of the Department of Justice at Washington for more than two years. The result of this inquiry was the impounding of a special grand jury on May 25 last to hear the evidence collected and make its report with recommendations. This special jury took up the methods of weighing in the customs service. The following month the regular grand jury was impounded for the regular work of inquiry into criminal charges. At the conclusion of this list the government began the presentation of evidence before the June jury on the methods of sampling and testing of sugar and on drawbacks relating thereto.

Two separate reports were made by the two juries yesterday. Both were similar in that fraud was found, committed in a period exempted by the statute of limitations.

Frauds Traced to 1894. Between 1894 and 1897 the June jury found that settlement samples of sugar from which tests were made to determine the grade and thereby fix the duty were systematically adulterated at the Spreckels refinery for the purpose of fraudulently lowering the tests. The McCahan and Franklin refineries were exonerated from this phase of the inquiry.

In relation to drawbacks, the jury found that many samples manufactured at the McCahan refinery from December, 1902, to March, 1910, particularly those manufactured since 1906, have been illegally exported with benefit of drawbacks under false declarations concerning the sugars used in their manufacture. The Spreckels refinery is also accused of the same illegal act from March, 1903, to practically the time of the beginning of the investigation.

W. R. Felter, who for some time past has been bookkeeper for the citizens' campaign, is leaving for the Coast on January 3. He does not anticipate becoming a member of the "come back" club.

EWA SUGAR MILL HAS GREAT FAME

Louisiana Planter: We have just now received some data from Hawaii that is almost startling in its wonderful statement. At the Ewa sugar factory they expect to produce this season 35,000 tons of sugar from about 3000 acres of land, expecting to realize about twelve tons of sugar per acre. They expect to be grinding for about ten and a half months of the calendar year and to grind from 1600 to 2200 tons of cane per day, all the Hawaiian tons being the American 2000-pound ton. At Ewa they had two nine-roller mills with crushers to each. These two nine-roller mills have been converted into an eighteen-roller mill, or a sextuple mill, preceded by a crusher, and the results have been very satisfactory, although the production of the later mills becomes more and more restricted, and yet the final result is indicative of the advantages of the method, which we presume will be continued until proven unprofitable.

After the cane enters the mill from the crusher and passes from the first one of the six mills to the next, the juice of these intermediate mills is pumped back, beginning, we think, at the third mill, the juice being then pumped back to the bagasse entering the second mill. The juice of the various mills is in this manner pumped back until the sixth mill of the series is reached. The bagasse entering this mill is saturated with water to the extent of about 40 per cent of the weight of the normal juice. The water of saturation is boiling hot and this method of working now in process at Ewa is said to yield 97 per cent of the sugar in the cane. The promoters of diffusion never claimed to secure more than 95 per cent, and here the modern cane mill, with these numerous pressures, is now realizing by direct squeezing more than our scientists thought possible, and thus definitely whipping the laws of osmosis and exosmosis out of the field. Certainly the yields of sugar at Ewa are a striking demonstration of what can be done with competent capital backing up the admitted ability, enterprise and opportunities of these good children of the missionaries who have so successfully Christianized these distant South Sea Islands.

LATE SHIPPING

The W. G. Hall was an early arrival from Kaula this morning with 5,500 bags of sugar, twenty-three empty gasoline drums, six empty oil barrels, one automobile, twenty-six sacks of cocoon plants, and thirty packages of sundries.

Kinau With Paving Blocks. The Kinau came in early this morning from Hawaii via ports with nine packages of liquor, fifteen cases of chickens, eighteen sacks of corn, thirty-one packages of hides, eleven sacks of beans, seventy-one sacks of empty bottles, eighty-three hogs, 25,000 paving blocks, and 141 packages of sundries.

Sugar on Kaula. Purser Logan of the W. G. Hall reports that the following sugar is awaiting shipment on Kaula: K. S. M., 2600 bags; M. A. K., 262; V. K., 1200; G. S. R., 2650; K. P., 7020; L. P., 12,120; K. S. Co., 800.

Enterprise at Hilo. The Enterprise was at Hilo discharging her cargo from the Sound when the Kinau left there.

Passengers Arrived. Per Kinau from Hawaii, via ports, this morning—E. T. Chase, A. Ruddle, Rev. S. Okura, H. H. Kanibou, T. Rochfort, Ching Lin, Masters M. and A. P. Vettesen, Miss L. K. Hart, J. Cumming, G. B. Schrader, Alma Mills, C. Savage, Koimisi, R. A. Gibbs.

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Sierra Awa to the Coast. The Sierra pulled out this morning for San Francisco. There was, as usual, a large number of people down to see this popular vessel off, and she left amid the musical strains of Berger's band.

She was not so well patronized this trip in either department. In the cabins there were sixty-one, in the steerage there were seven, and there were only about one thousand tons of cargo under her hatches. The freight included three hundred tons of sugar, three thousand bunches of bananas, and small shipments of rice, coffee, hides and canned pineapples. There were no children at all this trip.

The Sierra is due at San Francisco early next Tuesday morning.

Passengers Departed. Per S. S. Sierra for San Francisco this morning—Mrs. J. N. Abbey, Mrs. E. Adams, H. Adams, W. H. Bedell, Vivian S. Brown, B. Bruns, S. Bryan, Mrs. G. Cahill, Geo. J. Campbell, Geo. K. Campbell, Kenneth Carrey, C. V. Cook, A. E. Cross, S. W. R. Daily, Samuel Day, E. H. Dickover, Mrs. G. H. Doerr, Mrs. E. Dreier, Geo. A. Elmer, Mrs. J. C. Gauger, R. Gugin, D. Griffin, J. G. Hammond, T. Henshaw, R. J. Hill, Jr., B. Howard, J. B. S. Jolly, Mr. and Mrs. G. La Fontaine, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Lyon, P. L. Macay, Luther Marchant, W. G. Marshall, A. Matson, Irving McDaniels, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Merrill, Kenneth Montague, Harold P. Nachtrieb, A. P. Oliver, Mrs. J. Roberts, Miss Helen Sargant, Chas. Savage, Roy Shurtleff, J. H. Soper, W. Steinitzer, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, W. H. Taylor, E. M. Trott, J. T. Walker, C. B. Wilson, Miss H. M. Wilson, W. D. Woodroof, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Young, R. Thwaites, A. Bruco, L. S. Conness, Miss Stephens.

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

PORT TOWNSEND, December 26.—Arrived, S. S. Willesden; hence December 15.

FORT BRAGG, December 22.—Sailed, schr. Transit for Honolulu.

PORT SAN LUIS, December 26.—Sailed, S. S. Santa Maria for Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27.—Sailed, 1:30 p. m., S. S. China for Honolulu.

Wilhelmina Taking Many to Hilo. The Wilhelmina will sail for Hilo on Friday afternoon at five o'clock, and will have about one hundred passengers. She will leave Hilo on Sunday afternoon at five o'clock and will be in port again first thing on Monday morning.

The Wilhelmina will leave for San Francisco on Wednesday morning, and when she pulls out of here she will no doubt be a full ship. Present indications point this way at all events, for all her passenger accommodation has been taken up, and provision has been made for her to receive 4500 tons of sugar and five hundred tons of cargo.

Hyades Due Next Monday. The Hyades is being looked for about Monday or Tuesday next from Seattle. She has been on the way a few days now, and it is expected that she will be a pretty full ship, for there was a lot of cargo offering for Honolulu when the Honolulu left there a few weeks ago.

PLEASED WITH HONOLULU. Spokane (Wash.) Chronicle: After a six weeks' tour of the Pacific ocean and the Hawaiian Islands Louis Michaels, son of K. Michaels of the Spokane Table Supply Company, returned to Spokane Sunday morning enthusiastic over the island possessions.

"Although it is cold in California and here, there is but sixteen degrees in the change of temperature at Honolulu this morning," said Mr. Michaels this morning. "I was more than pleased with the islands and business conditions there are good. With not an empty store room in the city of Honolulu business men are in good spirits and look forward to a good year ahead."

Freight Notice. No freight will be received by Inter-Island steamers on Monday. Freight for S. S. Mauna Kea must be shipped on Saturday.

LARGE ORDERS FOR SHIP PLATES

New York market report: Although Pittsburg mills are running at a high percentage of capacity on plates, the New York district has not received many large orders for this product. Lukens Iron and Steel Company's plant at Coatesville is operating at about 55 per cent, and has received several orders for ship plates from the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company. Plates and shapes for construction of five new boats for this company will total about 30,000 tons, and construction of boats will start at once. Standard Oil Company has ordered a 100-foot tank boat for delivery of gasoline in the harbor. About fifty tons of light plates will be needed. Prices for plates are stiffening, one company reporting \$1.20 Pittsburg, as common. Nothing is being sold below \$1.15, according to local dealers.

The very firmness of the stock market is what prevented sales today from being even more numerous than they were. Stocks are so firmly held that there is little offering, though the brokers are looking anxiously for them in order to supply the many orders they have on hand. One broker stated this morning that, if the stocks would only come out, some big sales could be consummated, as the orders are already in and waiting to be filled.

As it was, trading was decidedly brisk today as compared with yesterday. 684 shares of various stocks changing hands at prices as good in all cases and better in several than those that prevailed before Christmas. Wai'alua remained strong at \$119.50, three sales aggregating thirty shares being made at that figure. Oahu opened strong at \$32.75, at which price seventy shares were disposed of, and then went to \$32.87 1/2, three blocks of 100 shares each selling at that quotation.

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STOCK EXCHANGE

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Ewa Plan Co. 32.25 32.50
Hawn Agri Co. 265.00
Hawn C & S Co. 40.87 1/2 41.12 1/2
Hawn Sug Co. 44.50
Honokaa Sugar Co. 12.00 12.26 1/2
Haiku Sugar Co. 170.00
Hutch S P Co. 20.00
Kahuku Plan Co. 20.00
Kekaha Sugar Co. 225.00
McBryde Sug Co. 6.87 1/2 7.00
Oahu Sugar Co. 32.87 1/2 33.00
Onomea Sugar Co. 48.25
Olaa Sugar Co. 5.50
Paauhau S P Co. 25.00 27.50
Pioneer Mill Co. 210.00
Wai'alua Agr Co. 119.50 120.00
Waimanalo Sugar. 285.00
Inter-Is S N Co. 150.00
Mutual Tel Co. 18.00
Oahu R & L Co. 142.50 145.70
Hilo R R Com. 8.00
Hon B & M Co. 20.75 21.25
Hawn Pine Co. 43.50
Tanjong Rub Pfd. 41.00
Pahang Rub Co. 21.00
C B S & R Co 68. 100.00
Hon Gas Co 68. 100.25
Haw C & S Co 58. 102.00
Hilo R R 1901 68. 100.50 101.00
Honokaa S Co 68. 104.00
H R T & L Co 68. 107.50
Kauai Ry Co 68. 100.00
Kohala D Co 68. 100.00
McBryde S Co 68. 100.25
Mutual Tel 68. 104.00
O R & L Co 58. 102.75 104.25
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PEARL HARBOR

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of it. If the first section is all right, then it is certain that the next sections will be successfully treated.

The work of unloading the structural steel for the seven shop buildings at Pearl Harbor is being done rapidly. Yesterday fifteen carloads were taken out of the steamer, and the unloading of the other eighty-three will be done with dispatch. Tenders for the erection of these shop buildings will be opened on Saturday next. Local contractors have been invited to tender, and it is expected that some will be received by telegraph from mainland firms.

The progress of the work was inspected yesterday by Admirals Thomas, Southland and Cowles. After the drydock had been looked over, the party went to Camp Cowles, where another inspection took place. The marines there fired a salute to Admiral Thomas.

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ARMITAGE DRAWS OUT OF CHANGE

H. C. Carter, as previously indicated in the Star, has purchased the seat of Harry Armitage on the stock and bond exchange. The transfer was made yesterday and Carter appeared on the exchange today.

The price which Carter paid for the seat is a secret between himself and Armitage which each says is not to be divulged. It is known, however, that Armitage retains an interest and may resume his place on the exchange when he returns from a contemplated extended trip away from the islands.

Old friends and neighbors had fallen out and had gone to law about it. "This is too bad, too bad!" commented the judge. "And between such old friends? Is this not a case that might be settled out of court?"